

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that orthodontic services and prosthetics are provided if necessary for the health of a youth.

PURPOSE

This policy ensures responsive dental care essential to the health of youths.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to cosmetic orthodontic services and prosthetics. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

Minimum Criteria

Cosmetic orthodontic services are provided if all of the following conditions are met:

- The youth arrives with orthodontic treatment already in progress and a provider is located who is willing to continue the services.
- The youth has private dental insurance coverage or other source of private funding that will cover the cost of treatment.
- The parents/legal guardian of the youth approves and provides signed consent.
- A medical determination is made and medical and treatment staff believe that the youth is significantly benefited by the continuation of treatment.
- Security considerations (escape, community risk, etc.) do not contraindicate the provision of orthodontic treatment.

Note: The continuation of orthodontic care is not used as a reason to retain a youth in residential treatment.

Referral for Services

Referral for orthodontic treatment includes:

- Written recommendation from dentist or physician.
- Clinical social worker or youth group leader verifies that the youth meets the minimum criteria.

Facility/center director or designee will:

- Consult with JJS, CMO worker, probation officer to approve referral.
- Coordinate services.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)